

Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



November 21, 2025

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School recently opened Term 2 with a meaningful Schola Brevis assembly that honored faith, service, and community. School Chaplain and Interim Rector Father Kevin Duggan, S.M. offered an opening prayer to center students, faculty, and staff in purpose. In recognition of Veterans Day, President J. D. Childs invited the community into a moment of reflection, stating, "We honor all those who have served in the United States armed forces. We offer deep gratitude for the courage and sacrifice of all who have worn the uniform." President Childs also introduced an exciting upcoming opportunity for the community to support the installation of a new bell chapel, which will be a physical manifestation of the Marist mission. The project will establish a sacred space at the heart of campus, introduce new traditions, and symbolize Marist's clarion call for students to make their learning and growth a gift to serve all God's children. Together, the Marist school community steps forward into Term 2 with renewed spirit, united by mission, and inspired by the path ahead.

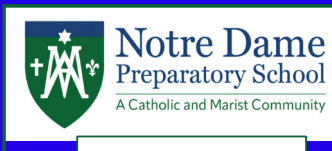


On Friday, November 14th, Marist School supporters gathered in Crest Lobby for a spirited Eagles Nest Gathering ahead of the varsity football team's first-round AAAA State Playoff game against Starr's Mill High School. Hosted in gratitude for 2024–2025 Annual Fund donors, Board and emeritus trustees, Marist priests, and school leaders, the event celebrated community, leadership, and shared purpose. Guests enjoyed an espresso cart, barbecue dinner, and lively War Eagle fellowship before heading to Hughes Spalding Stadium to cheer on the team. Their energy made an impact as Marist clinched the win 30-0 and is now advancing to the next round of state playoffs. Marist faces off against Blessed Trinity Catholic High School at home on Friday, November 22nd.





2nd Annual Open House



Pontiac, Michigan

Preparing Next-Gen Innovators



Community 'Friendsgiving'

Members of the upper school faculty from the E-Wing and B-Wing hosted their annual "Friendsgiving" to show appreciation for their awesome students. The full turkey dinner, which was served during community time today with all the fixings plus pie, has become a wonderful annual tradition for the school.



Members of the Notre Dame Prep community and their families joined Catholics around the world in celebrating the Jubilee Year 2025, a once-every-25-years Holy Year of grace, forgiveness and renewal proclaimed by Pope Francis last December. The Holy Year, centered on the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, inviting all to experience God’s mercy in a profound way.

As part of the celebration, NDP pilgrims journeyed through two of the Archdiocese of Detroit’s designated Holy Door sites — the Blessed Solanus Casey Center in Detroit and the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak. These local pilgrimage sites allow the faithful to unite spiritually with those traveling to Rome during this special year.



Notre Dame Prep Theatre Troupe Performance of “Puffs”



NDP Pep Rally





DECA club in the Upper School

DECA is an international youth organization for students interested in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management careers. Students compete in roleplay and business design competitions, growing their skills in networking, branding, presentation, and many other business essentials. The ND Academy DECA chapter was founded this year by 9th Grader Juhi Soni, who has taken on a great deal of work leading the club as president.

Last week ND Academy students attended an overnight leadership conference at a hotel in Atlanta with hundreds of other students from all over Georgia. They attended several workshops, growing their confidence, leadership skills, and business knowledge. They all had a lot of fun, made new connections, and are looking forward to growing the ND Academy DECA chapter in the coming years.



Sophomore Retreat



On November 12th, the ND Academy community came together for a beautiful Memorial Mass of St. Josaphat! Our 7th graders did an incredible job leading us in worship, and we were honored to celebrate with our Chaplain, Fr. David Musso, S.M.





3rd Grade Come Have Lunch with My Class



ND Academy Astronomy & Planetary Science students and Astronomy Club spent the night under the stars at Deerlick Astronomy Village! From stargazing and a black hole planetarium show to watching professional astronomers and an astrophotographer at work — what an unforgettable experience!



Faith, Hope, Inspiration

The children of Balay Pasilungan took part in the Holy Mass at the Gallery of Saints – Year 6, held at the Atrium of NCCC Mall Victoria Plaza, J.P. Laurel Avenue, Davao City on November 14, 2025. The celebration was presided by our Executive Director, Fr. Gil Casio, SM. Surrounded by the stories of holy men and women, our boys were reminded that every journey — no matter how difficult — can lead to light, healing, and new beginnings. Their smiles and reverence during the celebration were a beautiful witness of hope.



Marist Mission Workshop

The 2025 Marist Mission Workshop unites religious and lay people from around the world to explore interreligious and intercultural dialogue.



Parroquia Virgen Misionera
(La Perla, Peru)



Celebration of Confirmation



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1st Communion



Marist Places of Origin Pilgrimage

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of Fr. Jean Claude Colin, founder of the Society of Mary, a Marist team organized a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Father Colin to the Marist Places of Origin from November 10-15, 2025. The pilgrims reside at La Neylière and each day visited a significant place for our common Marist History. Read more about the daily trips [HERE](#).



The pilgrim group outside the former chapel of La Capucinière, Belley, site of the first Marist professions in 1836 and the election of Jean-Claude Colin as Superior-General of the Society of Mary.

A collage of images related to the Society of Mary (Marists). At the top, a banner reads "Together We Give to Support the Society of Mary (Marists)". Below this is a central portrait of Fr. Jean Claude Colin. Surrounding the portrait are numerous small photos showing groups of Marists in various settings, including schools, conferences, and community gatherings. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for various Marist institutions, including Notre Dame Preparatory School, Marist School, and the Marist Ministry.

December 2, 2025 IS GIVING TUESDAY!

The Society of Mary (Marists) is honored to participate in this year's *#iGiveCatholic* as a part of the annual national day of giving called Giving Tuesday.

Our fundraising goal for this appeal on December 2, 2025 is \$6,000.

Please consider sharing your blessings with us. All gifts given to the Marists on December 2nd or during the Advanced Giving Day phase (November 17th - December 1st) will count towards our fundraising goal.

WAYS TO DONATE

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- [Website](#)
- [#iGiveCatholic](#)

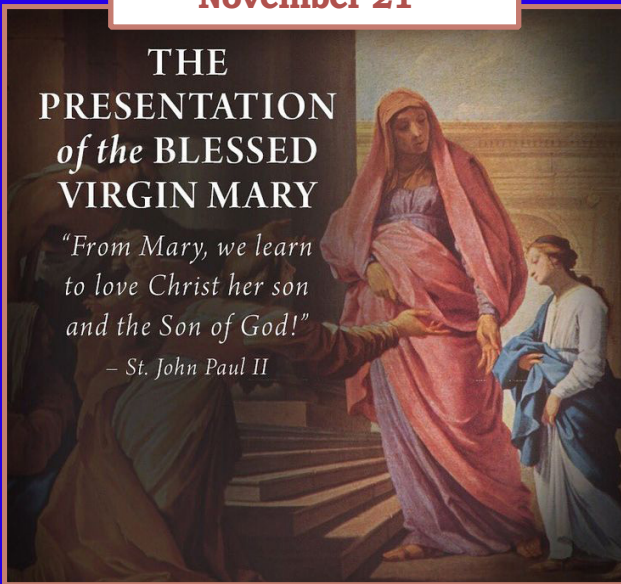
With gratitude for your support, May God bless you!

November 21st

THE PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"From Mary, we learn
to love Christ her son
and the Son of God!"*

– St. John Paul II



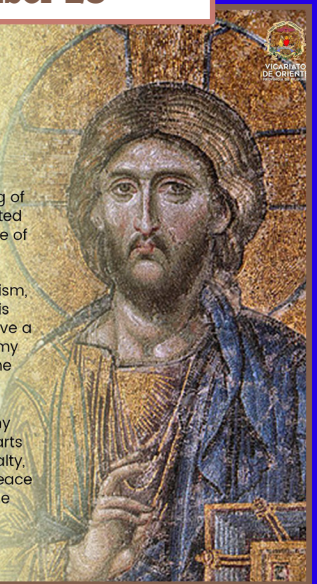
November 23rd

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of
the universe. All that has been created
has been made for You. Make full use of
Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism,
when I renounced Satan and all his
poms and works, and I promise to live a
good Christian life and to do all in my
power to procure the triumph of the
rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my
efforts in order to obtain that all hearts
may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty,
and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace
may be established throughout the
universe. Amen.



Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



Happy Thanksgiving from our
Marist family to yours!

The Marists thank you for
your support and prayers this
year. We're so grateful!

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"Mary of Nazareth, the first disciple of the Lord and Mother of the Church, is the heart of our identity as Marists. This remarkable woman of faith, has called us to this way of life. We believe that we have been called by a 'gracious choice' into the family of Mary. It is her work that we do and so we commit ourselves to think, judge, feel and act as she did. Our spirituality, which is both mystical and practical, responds to the reality and circumstances of today's world. Jean-Claude Colin, acting on what he believed to be Mary's desire, encouraged us to establish a Marian Church, a Church with the heart of a mother beating at its center." (Statement of Identity, US Province of the Marists Assembly and Chapter of June 2013)

The Marists Constitutions say, "The spiritual life is nourished by contemplation of the Word of God. This heightens awareness of the presence of the risen Jesus in the everyday life and work of Marists. His presence inspires them to make of their lives and unceasing prayer." (Constitutions, 118).

The Marists encourage us to explore glimpses of our spirituality this Advent in silent contemplation because in order for us "to form a communion for mission, we need to deepen the contemplative dimension of our lives. With Jesus at the center, we can, like Mary, be missionaries of hope." (2017 General Chapter, 30)

(Quotes for the 2025 Advent calendar have been selected from Pope Francis' "A Light in the Night - Meditations on Hope.")

Advent 2025

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The Society of Mary USA 2025 Advent calendar will be available for download next week on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Instagram page](#). The daily reflections from the calendar will also be posted in these same locations.



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

View the Holy Father's monthly
prayer intention [HERE](#).

Vocation Corner

On November 15th six Marist confreres were ordained to the diaconate by bishop Antuan Ilgit from Turkey. Congratulations Lewis, Leonard, Joseph, Peter Carde, Lesley and Jean-Paul!



On November 15th, the Society of Mary celebrated with joy the ordination of Fr Hemi Waerengaahika Ropata, SM at St Benedict's Parish, Auckland, New Zealand. The date carried special significance, coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the death of the Founder of the Marists, Fr Jean-Claude Colin.

Gathered with his whānau, friends, members of the Society of Mary, and many clergy from the Auckland Diocese, the celebration marked a milestone in the life of a young man whose vocational journey brings together his Māori heritage, his theological formation in New Zealand, and his international Marist experience and studies in Rome over the past eight years.



Māori priest ordained on significant day for Marists





Please keep in your prayers Charles Sangul, SM as he prepares for his ordination to the Priesthood on December 6th in Vanuatu. The bishop ordaining him will be Marist Bishop, S.E. Monseigneur Jean Bosco Baremes, SM (Bishop of Port Vila).

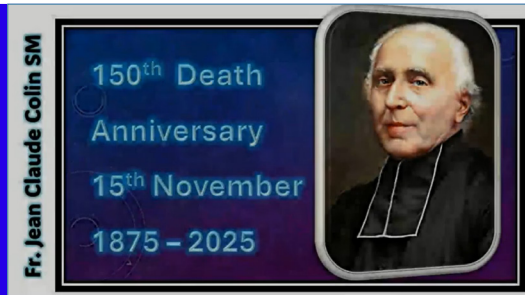
St. Peter Chanel Marist Vocation Asia

As the 1st semester has ended, the Marist aspirants held their recollection at St. Michael the Archangel quasi-parish in Eden, Toril. They had such a meaningful and relaxing time to reexamine their life and journey in the Marist life.



“Holy Name of Mary”

A song composed by Fr. Aisake Vaisima, SM – an Initiative by the Marist Formation Houses for the 150th anniversary of Fr. Colin’s death.



A Song About the Marist Family

Composed by Fr. Xavier Sariman, Director of the Society of Mary International Novitiate



Sacred Listening: Transform Ministry Through Relational Trust

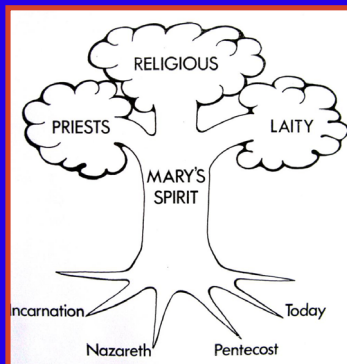


Approach young people using “Listen, Teach, Send”



Reflections on Key Elements of Marist Spirituality

by Fr. David Kennerley, SM



The [article](#) found at the link below is the fourteenth in a series of 20 reflections on Marist Spirituality for educators by Fr. David Kennerley, SM. Fr. Kennerley originally created these reflections for teachers meeting at lunch. The idea was that they would have material to reflect on once a week across the school year. This series of reflections can be useful for any small group or personal reflection interested in deepening their knowledge of key elements of Marist Spirituality.

Fr. Kennerley was formerly Novice Master for the Society of Mary and later as the New Zealand Provincial. He is currently involved in spirituality in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

Part 14: A Tree of Many Branches

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Marist Vocation Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we ask you to look on this family of Mary, your Mother, with eyes of mercy.

Lord, we ask you to enrich the Marist world with the fire of your Holy Spirit.

May Mary's subtle and delicate presence enable us to breathe her spirit. So that, committed to our own vocation, we will be credible witnesses of your Gospel.

And, renewed and strengthened with the fire of your Spirit, we may help bring to life the seed of a vocation which you have implanted in the hearts of the young.

Enable us to accompany them in the fulfillment of their personal vocation. Lord Jesus, give us vocations according to your heart. Amen.

Jean Claude Colin
– Pray for us.

Oración por las vocaciones Maristas

¡Oh Jesús, Buen Pastor! Dígnate a mirar a esta familia de María con tus ojos misericordiosos.

Señor, te pedimos que enriquezcas el mundo marista con el fuego de tu Espíritu Santo.

Que la presencia sutil y delicada de María nos conduzca a respirar su espíritu. Así, comprometidos con nuestra propia vocación, seremos portavoces creíbles de tu Evangelio.

Y, renovados y fortalecidos con el fuego de tu Espíritu, podamos ayudar a dar vida a la semilla de la vocación que has implantado en el corazón de los jóvenes.

Permítenos acompañarles en el cumplimiento de su vocación personal.

¡Oh Jesús, danos vocaciones según tu corazón! Amén.

Padre Juan Claudio Colín, ruega por nosotros.